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ATTENTION: BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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For:

TISSUE OPENING LOCATOR

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- (X) 20 sheets of drawing.
- (X) A power of attorney form and copy of assignment.
- (X) Initial signed declaration by inventors.
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- (X) This application is a divisional of prior application:
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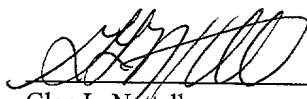
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- (X) Preliminary Amendment is enclosed.
- (X) Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) Form PTO-1449 listing eighty (80) references, none of which are enclosed.
- (X) A small entity statement was filed in the prior application, and such status is still proper and desired.
- (X) Incorporation by Reference. The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

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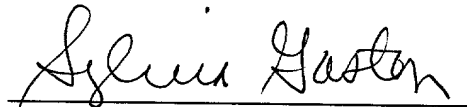
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